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SUBJECT: SUDANESE-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS

1. ETHIOPIAN FONMIN KIFLE WODAJO PAID LIGHTNING VISIT KHARTOUM NOV 1-2. PRESS REPORTS HE HAD LONG MEETING WITH NIMEIRI DURING WHICH HE PRESENTED MESSAGE FROM TEFERI BENTI CONCERNING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND CONFIRMING GEML BENTI'S EARLIER CABLED CONGRATULATIONS FOLLOWING ABORTIVE COUP OF SEPT. 5. SECGEN PRESIDENCY AL-KHIDIR, WHO WAS PRESENT AT MEETING, TOLD AMBASSADOR NOV 3 THAT EPMG ATTITUDE ON ERITREAN PROBLEM NOW MORE FORTHCOMING THAN PREVIOUSLY. ETHIOPIANS WENT FURTHER THAN PREVIOUSLY IN INDICATING ACCEPTANCE PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S MEDIATION EFFORTS. HOWEVER, KHIDIR SAID HE DOES NOT EXPECT EARLY ETHIOPIAN ANNOUNCEMENT TO THIS EFFECT AND INDICATED MEDIATION WOULD CONTINUE TO BE LONG AND TORTUOUS PROCESS.

2. DURING LONG ADDRESS TO NEW SESSION PEOPLES' ASSEMBLY NOV 3, NIMEIRI WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO STRESS HIS BELIEF

THAT FIGHTING IN ERITREA SHOULD STOP AND BOTH SIDES AGREE TO NEGOTIATE MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO PROBLEM.

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